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QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 11018

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SUBJ: FAHMY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW--PRES CARTER'S RESPONSE

REF (A) STATE 152347, (B) CAIRO 11017,

1. REF A RECEIVED SHORTLY BEFORE MY MEETING OF LAST EVENING WITH SADAT. AFTER HE HAD BRIEFED ME ON HIS LATEST CONCERNS RE CHAD AND NIGER (REF B), I SAID I HAD A RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER ORAL MESSAGE TO PRES CARTER AND GAVE HIM THE TEXT OF THE ORAL MESSAGE. AS HAS BECOME THE PRACTICE WITH SUCH MESSAGES, I THEN READ IT TO HIM.

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2. SADAT LISTENED CAREFULLY AND OCCASIONALLY NODDED APPROVINGLY. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY SO WHEN I MENTIONED OUR BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS ARE WORRIED THAT THEIR STRATEGY IN THE MIDEAST AND AFRICA MAY NOT SUCCEED, THAT US INTERESTES REQUIRE A PEACE SETTLEMENT AND OUR MUTUAL GOAL IS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, THAT PRES CARTER HAS DECIDED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EARLY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN

MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR EGYPT, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE
SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE SUDAN.

3. WHEN I HAD FINISHED, SADAT REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT
PRES CARTER MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO BE WILLING TO ASSIST BY
PROVIDING SOME SMALL ARMS AND VEHICLES FOR USE IN AFRICA
AS HE HAD REQUESTED. HE RECOGNIZED THE NEW US ARMS POLICY
MAKES THIS DIFFICULT, BUT NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT
EXCEPTIONS ARE POSSIBLE WHERE US INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. HE
THOUGHT COMBATTING THE SOVIET THREAT TO AFRICA IS NOT ONLY AN
EGYPTIAN INTEREST, BUT EQUALLY SO AN AMERICAN ONE. I TOLD HIM
I COULD GIVE HIM NO ASSURANCE, BUT WOULD OF COURSE REPORT
HIS MESSAGE AND REQUEST.
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